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The 7/16/03 Response is not in compliance of 37 CFR 1.121. Specifically, the amendment to claim 15 is incorrect. The applicants on line 2, should not have shown the deletion of "for" and the addition of "the fluid passage" and "the post" because this amendment was made in the 5/1/03 Response. Also, the "," that was added on line 2, is not shown. Has the "," been deleted? On lines 5-9, the amendment is confusing. In the 5/1/03 Response on line 5, the applicants added "and having a longitudinal direction,". However, in the 7/16/03 Response the aforementioned language can not be ascertained with the newly added limitaions. Applicants have improperly underlined and strikethrough. Lines 11, 12, & 14-16 suffer similar problems. Since the 7/16/03 reply appears to be bona fide, applicants are given one (1) month or thirty days from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, with which to supply the correction in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no evernt, however, nay a reply be timely filed after six (6) months from the mailing date of this communication.



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